

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CHRISTOPHER HANSON, individually and
as attorney for himself and attorney/next friend
for his minor children [8 years old] and [6 years old],

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2025-CA-10255

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COURT, CLERK OF THE COURT
FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, GINA JUSTICE (AND/OR
CURRENT COURT ADMINISTRATOR),
CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER C.
SABELLA, JUDGE KELLY AYERS,
JUDGE MATTHEW FELIX, MIKE MOORE,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, TRIAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR GINA JUSTICE, CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER C. SABELLA,
JUDGE KELLY AYERS, AND JUDGE MATTHEW FELIX RESPONSES TO
PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS**

Defendants, **THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, TRIAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR GINA JUSTICE, CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER C. SABELLA,
JUDGE KELLY AYERS, AND JUDGE MATTHEW FELIX** (hereinafter "Defendants"), by
and through their undersigned counsel, hereby provides the following responses to Plaintiff's
Request for Admissions.

Request No. 1: Admit that on April 4, 2025, during a public hearing in Case No. 24-DR-001150, Judge Kelly Ayers stated on the record that she could obtain video of the proceedings.

RESPONSE: Denied. The exact quote is “I will go get the camera footage and do it because I have not rolled my eyes at you.”

Request No. 2: Admit that prior to issuing the September 8, 2025, denial of access to the April 4, 2025, video, no employee, agent, or representative of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit actually viewed the requested video footage.

RESPONSE: Denied.

Request No. 3: Admit that the video recording device that captured the April 4, 2025, hearing in Judge Ayers' courtroom captures at least some of the physical demeanor and facial expressions of the presiding judge.

RESPONSE: Admit. The video captures at least some of the physical demeanor, however the capture of facial expressions is limited.

Request No. 4: Admit that there is no existing Court Order formally determining the April 4, 2025, video to be confidential under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(d) or (e).

RESPONSE: Admit. The video is confidential pursuant Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(8); Florida Statutes §119.071(3)(a); and Op Att’y Gen. Fla. 2015-06 (2015).

Request No. 5: Admit that no redaction, blurring, or audio-stripping of the April 4, 2025, video was attempted before denying Plaintiff’s public records request in its entirety.

RESPONSE: Admit. The video has not been altered in any way.

Request No. 6: Admit that prior to issuing the complete denial of access to the April 4, 2025, video, no documented analysis was performed by the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit to weigh the public interest in disclosure against the asserted security concerns.

RESPONSE: Admit. No analysis was needed as the video is confidential pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(8); Florida Statutes §119.071(3)(a); and Op Att’y Gen. Fla. 2015-06 (2015).

Request No. 7: Admit that Defendants did not evaluate whether applying visual or audio redactions to the April 4, 2025, video would sufficiently mitigate the asserted security concerns while preserving the public's constitutional right of access to the remainder of the recording.

RESPONSE: Admit. No analysis was needed because the entire video is confidential pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(8); Florida Statutes §119.071(3)(a); and Op Att’y Gen. Fla. 2015-06 (2015).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 15, 2026, a copy of the foregoing document was served via electronic mail to Plaintiff, Christopher Hanson, at [REDACTED] and truthoverchaos@outlook.com.

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